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Attached is a copy of the telephone Interview Summary of February 24, 2003.

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February 24, 2003

Attachment: Form PTOL-413.

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/909,898	Applicant(s) Sugaya et al.
	Examiner Fred Zitomer	Art Unit 1713

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Fred Zitomer _____ (3) _____
 (2) Samuel H. Blech _____ (4) _____

Date of Interview Feb 24, 2003

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: None

Identification of prior art discussed:
Of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant requested clarification of what is meant by "meaningful head-to-head comparison" as stated in the prior Office action. Applicant was advised that such comparison requires directly comparing the preparation of two membranes of the same composition, one prepared as claimed herein, the other differing only in that the monomer is polymerized before mixing with the binder. It is important to note that even if criticality is thus shown obviousness in view of MacDonald must be demonstrated.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner's signature, if required